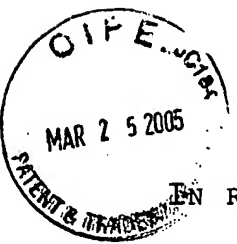


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Sir:

In reply to the final Office action of January 25, 2005, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks and the attached amendments¹⁾ be entered and considered by the Examiner:

R E M A R K S

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter and consider the changes made in the claims which are indicated in the listing of the claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to present the subject matter of Claim 11 in independent form, Claim 11 has been canceled, and Claim 12 has been revised to depend upon Claim 1 instead of Claim 11.

1) Cf. the Claim Amendments set forth in Appendix I on pages 3 to 5 of this paper.